

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

~~21~~ (Amended) An athletic garment for a person having adjacent inner thighs, the garment comprising:

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5 a body including a pair of thigh portions each with an inner thigh area; and  
a pair of guard members, one supported by each of the inner thigh  
[portions] areas and positioned to substantially cover the adjacent  
inner thighs of the wearer when the garment is worn, [whereby]  
wherein the guard members are substantially flush with the  
garment and wherein the inner thigh areas of the garment  
comprising the guard members are not substantially thicker than  
10 the remainder of the thigh portions of the garment.

Please amend claim 28 as follows:

~~28~~ B2 28. (Amended) The garment of claim ~~21~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the guard  
members are supported within pockets formed on the inner [aspect of the thigh portions]  
inner thigh areas of the body.

Please amend claim 38 as follows:

B3 ~~38~~<sup>17</sup> 38. (Amended) The garment of claim ~~37~~<sup>17</sup> wherein each guard  
member is supported in a pocket on the inner [aspect of each thigh portion] thigh area.

Remarks

The Office action mailed July 27, 2000, has been reviewed, and the finality of the  
action has been noted. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 116(a), Applicants request certain  
amendments be made in the application. These amendments were discussed with the Examiner